Bridge across the Kallada River.

181. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the successive steps hitherto taken for constructing the bridge across the Kallada river at Karimpumpuzha ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer, from whom an estimate had been called for, states that the necessary field works at the site of the bridge have been completed and that the designs and estimates are under preparation.

Maintaining Time in Stations for controlling Traffic.

182. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the time-keepers kept in the various stations for regulating and controlling traffic record uniform time ; and

(*b*) whether there are stations where no time-keeper is kept ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Every effort is made to ensure uniformity in the time kept at various checking stations, one method being to correct the time-keepers at all stations by verification with a sealed time-keeper taken round once a week to all stations for comparison.

(*b*) There are a few checking stations on newly opened routes which have not been supplied with time-keepers ; but arrangements have been made to supply them with time-keepers.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): In answer to part (*b*) may I know whether there is any time-keeper kept in the checking station near the Kottarakara Railway Station ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Only for the new routes, time-keepers are not supplied.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Is the member aware that it is an old route ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Police Commissioner has reported that all the old routes have been supplied with time-keepers.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Is not the checking station, near the Kottarakara Railway Station, in the old route ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot answer that now.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the member give an assurance that a time-keeper will be kept in that station ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): If one is not kept, the matter will be considered.

Work of the Police Inspector, Kottarakara.

183. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which the present Police Inspector of Kottarakara was transferred to that place ;

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[Mr. R. Kesava Pillai.]

(*b*) the number of complaints received by him since then till the end of Kanni last;

(*c*) the number of complaints investigated, charged and referred by him and those that have not yet (18-3-1104) been investigated and detected;

(*d*) the number of cases in which the Inspector has made a personal enquiry;

(*e*) the longest time he has taken for investigating and framing charges; and

(*f*) the number in which the accused in cases charged before the Magistrates and committed to the Sessions and contested by the defence, have been discharged, acquitted and convicted?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 16th Medam 1102.

(*b*) 81 cases.

(*c*) Of the 81 cases investigated, 44 were charge-sheeted, 18 were referred, 5 are pending investigation and 14 were reported to be under suicide, accidental deaths, etc.

(*d*) All the 81 cases were personally investigated by the Inspector.

(*e*) In one case the investigation and arrest took 3 months as the accused had absconded.

(*f*) Of the 44 cases charged, 22 cases ended in conviction, 15 cases in acquittal and the remaining 7 cases are still pending trial.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): With regard to part (*d*) will the Commissioner of Police be pleased to make an enquiry whether a personal investigation in this case was made by the Inspector.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The report is that the Inspector has made investigations in all these cases.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): It is on account of want of faith in the Inspector that I request, that an enquiry must be made by the Commissioner of Police, with regard to personal investigation on the matter.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is a course of action that the member suggests.

Encouragement of Copyists in Revenue Offices.

184. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the appointment of copyists in the Revenue offices of the State and of the poor pay given them by the Revenue Department; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason why there should be a differential treatment between them and the copyists of the Judicial and Magisterial Departments in the matter of permanency and pension?

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